

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested in view of the following remarks.

1. Summary of Prosecution History and Status of Claims

Applicants filed an Amendment on August 3, 2007 (hereinafter “the Amendment”), in response to a final Office Action mailed on May 4, 2007 (hereinafter “the final Office Action”), in which claims 1, 7, 16, 19, 27, 34, 35, 37 and 41 of the present application were amended. Claims 6, 20, 26 and 38 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8, 12, 27, 30, 41 and 44 were allowed.

In response to the Amendment, an Advisory Action was mailed on August 13, 2007 (hereinafter “the Advisory Action”), indicating that the claim amendments in the Amendment would not be entered because they raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Claims 1-5, 7-19, 21-25, 27-37 and 39-46 are currently pending in the present application, with claims 1, 8, 12, 16, 19, 27, 30, 34, 35, 37, 41 and 44 being independent.

2. Examiner Interviews

Applicants thank Examiner Hicks for the courtesies extended to applicants’ representative, Mr. Sung Kim, during telephone interviews conducted on August 22 and 27 of 2007.

During the interviews, Mr. Kim explained that the claim amendments in the Amendment placed the application in condition for allowance and, therefore, the Advisory Action erroneously failed to enter the claim amendments to advance prosecution of the application to allowance. Specifically, for example, the claim amendments incorporated subject matter that was previously indicated as being allowable into the remaining rejected independent claims. This subject matter

was indicated as being allowable in the final Office Action, as well as a non-final Office Action mailed on January 11, 2006.

Examiner Hicks, after conferring with his supervisor, SPE Jeffrey Gaffin, agreed with Mr. Kim that the Amendment placed the application in condition for allowance, and that the Advisory Action erroneously failed to enter the claim amendments indicated in the Amendment. Examiner Hicks recommended that applicants file the present response to the Advisory Action with the remarks included herein. Additionally, Examiner Hicks indicated that upon receipt and satisfactory review of the present response, he would enter the claim amendments indicated in the Amendment and allow all of the pending claims.

3. Conclusion

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the present application is requested. Based on the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.

Respectfully submitted,
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